

## POET-AUTHORESSES.

TWO AMERICAN LADIES TO WHOM THE GODS HAVE BEEN VERY KIND.

Constance Fenimore Woolson Inherited Wealth, Genius and Beauty, but is Wedded Only to Literature—Mrs. Julia Caroline Ripley Dorr.

The poet is not without honor in his own country, as the prophet is said to be, and so Cleveland still prides herself on a sort of claim to Constance Fenimore Woolson. True, the poet-authoress was born in Claremont, N. H., lived in Florida during the years when she was best known to Americans, and has for some time lived in England, but grew up, developed and first became famous in Cleveland.

Cooking stoves and literary taste made the Woolsons famous many years ago. Charles Jarvis Woolson combines two talents not often found in one person. He taught school in Virginia and edited a paper in New Hampshire when but a youth, but in early manhood took up the trade of manufacturing in iron where his father left it and carried it to a far greater success. He married at Cooperstown, N. Y., Miss Pomeroy, a niece of Fenimore Cooper, and so their daughter received his name along with a large share of his talent.



CONSTANCE FENIMORE WOOLSON.

Constance was already noted as a contributor to the local press, and soon made an arrangement with the Harpers, in whose papers the world first read "Anne," "East Angels" and other productions of less note. All her writings show her a lover of nature and a sympathizer with the unfortunate, as well as something of a hero worshiper. But her heroes and heroines are largely of her own personal selection, consisting of those who deserved success, but failed to secure it. Pages of prose would not set this forth so clearly as she has done it in the first and last stanzas of her poem, "Hero Worship."

"He is not what you think." O judges wise, Can we not have Valhalla of our own? Within our hearts, where all the souls we prize Shall sit in state, each on his royal throne? What matter if we do not always choose The few whose names, well weighed, ye write above?

As laurel worthy; do ye then refuse Our hearts freight to honor whom we love? What is one false among a thousand true— A thousand opening lives so well begun? He is no hero, as you think, "say you? Well, then, our faith shall help to make him one."

Back, judges, to your work of weighing, slow. The dead ye destin'd to Fame's courts above! But leave us free to worship here below.

With faith and hope the living whom we love. Miss Woolson is forty-four years old and quite alone in the world since the death, in 1879, of her mother, to whom she was devoted. "One fact often noted in her writings is that while they show a wonderful familiarity with nature in Ohio and Florida, New England and the northern lakes and other places where she has traveled they as yet show no special interest in the old land where she has lived a dozen years.

Another poet-authoress who began to write in childhood is Mrs. Julia Caroline Ripley Dorr, whose first published production was a poem sent to The Union Magazine without her knowledge by her husband, who was delighted to find in his newly acquired wife a literary genius. That was in 1849, and Mrs. Dorr still writes occasionally. She was born in Charleston Feb. 13, 1835, her father, William Young Ripley, being a native of Vermont, and her mother one of a French family who fled from Hayti at the time of the slave insurrection. She was reared chiefly in Vermont, and in 1847 married Seneca R. Dorr, to whom the country is indebted for urging his wife to enter the literary field at once.



JULIA C. R. DORR.

Her first prose tale was "Isabel Leslie." It appeared in Sartain's Magazine in 1849 and gained the prize offered for that year. She has lived in Rutland, Vt., since her marriage, and has been a widow since 1884. Her descriptive writings have a charming simplicity, which is also the chief beauty in her poems, as shown in this extract from her "Treasure Ships":

All spoils of the earth ye bring— From the Isles of far Cathay; From the faded shores of the Orient, And realms more rich than they. The precious light of a thousand years The gleam of the virgin gold, Luster of silver and sheen of pearl Shout up in the narrow hold.

## HERESY, GRIP AND NERVOUSNESS.

The Reasons Why Dr. Heber Newton Takes a Vacation.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Heber Newton of whom all reading people have heard much in the past five years, has had the grip, nervous prostration and a trial for heresy, all in rapid succession. It is fair to add that he has but partially recovered from each. Nevertheless it is now announced that he is exonerated and has received leave of absence for a year. He goes south first, and thereafter probably to Europe.



HEBER NEWTON.

His exoneration is somewhat like that by a Scotch verdict of "not proven."

As rector of the Episcopal Church of All Souls, corner of Sixty-sixth street and Madison avenue, New York, his liberal or latitudinarian utterances have long attracted attention, and a little over a year ago twelve Episcopal clergymen of that diocese waited on Bishop Potter with a request that a commission be appointed to investigate charges of heresy against Dr. Newton. That commission has recently made a rather curious report.

They acquit the doctor of heresy, but add that he preaches very much according to his moods, and that many of his utterances are therefore liable to grave misconstruction, and conclude with a charitable hope "that he, upon consideration, will see his way clear to revoking the utterances in question." Dr. Newton declares that his health has been very bad ever since the epidemic of grip, and that he would have asked leave of absence long ago had there not been charges pending against him. In his absence his duties will be performed by Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Bishop, who has for some time been assistant minister of the Church of the Incarnation, of which Rev. Arthur Brooks is pastor.

## THE RESULT OF A WRECK.

How American Money Built Two Japanese School Houses.

On a small island in the extreme south of the island empire of Japan, where a few thousand simple peasants and fishermen live in great isolation, are two pretty little villages, and in them are two school houses with a pleasing and romantic history. They represent unselfish kindness, gratitude, international good will, a missionary spirit and practical sense in its manifestation.

In September, 1885, the American bark Cashmere was wrecked in a cyclone some 200 miles off the Japanese coast. Seven sailors in the only ship's boat that was saved reached this island after great suffering, while three sailors and the captain's little son remained on the wreck. It drifted so near the coast that they escaped on a raft and got to a vil-



THE ISAKI SCHOOL HOUSE.

lage near that reached by the seven sailors. All were nearly dead from exposure and famine, but the Japanese islanders treated them with such skill and kindness that all recovered, and on arriving at San Francisco were earnest in asking that something be done to reward their benefactors.

Mr. Horace F. Cutter, of San Francisco, prepared a memorial, which was extensively signed, and presented in Congress by Senator Jones of Nevada. The government sent gold medals to the principal rescuers, and \$5,000 was voted to the two villages—Anjo and Isaki. By advice of Minister Swift the money was used to endow these two schools, and photographs 19 by 30 inches in size of the two buildings have recently been sent to the standard of San Francisco art, and were paid for by the Japanese government.

In each village the people have set up a little monument by the school house "to commemorate the goodness of the people of the United States." Although everything about these little frames is cheap and simple the artistic sense of the Japanese appears in every detail. The Japanese flag flies over each building, as in some American states our own flag does, and the surroundings are all quite attractive. It is pleasant to conclude with the statement that boys and girls share alike in the school advantages.

## The Politic Queen of Spain.

There is a very sensible rule in both Austria and Germany that all members of the royal family who are not incapacitated by physical infirmities shall learn a trade. On account of this the queen of Spain was enabled to do a little unpremeditated act of cleverness which greatly added to her popularity with working people. Visiting the famous factory of mosaics at Orto she stopped to watch one of the workmen for a few moments and then asked him to let her finish the job. Then taking his seat she completed in the most deft and workmanlike manner the mosaic he had commenced, according to the methods she learned when a little archduchess with no idea of becoming a queen.

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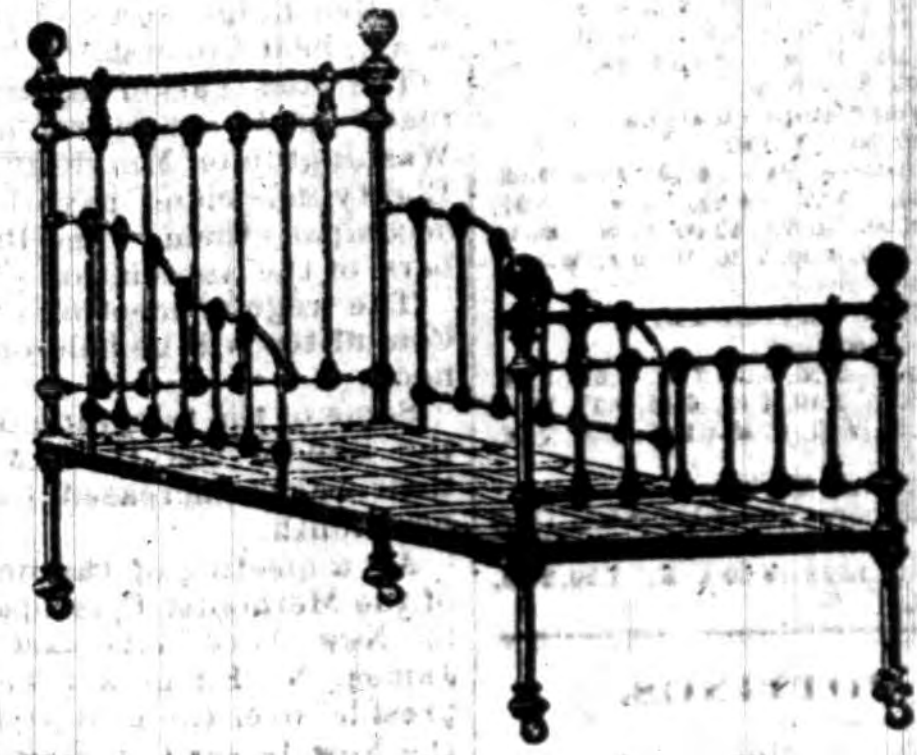
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